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 Supt. Br. Mint,
 New Orleans.

Feb. 21. } 1840.
 Rec'd March 4.

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R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint of the

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Philadelphia.

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United States Branch Mint
 New Orleans February 21. 1840

Sir,

The following dies, dated, 1839 have been defaced in my
 presence by the Comr, by heating them and cutting a cross
 on their face

Half dollars	3 pair	and one tail die	- 7
Dimes	4	1 -	9
Half dimes	4	2 -	10
Quarter eagles	1		2
			<u>28.</u>

Reserved
 1 half dollar, tail
 1 dime — tail 1/2 in. x 1/2 in.
 1/2 in. quarter eagle 2 in. x 2 in.

These last will not be used without your approbation.
 I would respectfully request you to keep us well supplied
 with dies of all the denominations. This is the more
 necessary now, as we have not yet had sufficient ex-
 -perience to have arrived at our great accuracy in hardening.
 I am desired by our Melters and Refiners to ask you whether the
 pickling and annealing by the Comr previous to weighing,
 must be adopted as an instruction, and if so, whether the
 clippings should not likewise be pickled and cleaned.
 Let me beg you to lose no time in sending out the 50
 carbons which I have ordered a few days since.
 respectfully your obed. Serv.

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 Director Mint of the U. S.
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 Supt.